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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Grant L. Schoenhard

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For: Inhibitors of ABC Drug Transporters in Multidrug Resistant Cancer Cells

Examiner: Donna A. Jagoe

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 4, 2002
WITH RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, Applicant elects Group II claims and the taxanes species of claim 33, with traverse. This response is timely filed, as a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, with a check for the required fee of \$55.00, is submitted herewith, making the response due on February 4, 2003.

Group I consisted of original claims 1-27 and 34-45 and 58-59, stated by the Examiner as drawn to a method for increasing the efficacy of an anti-tumor agent comprising co-administering an anti-tumor agent and an opioid inhibitor.

Group II consisted of claims 28-33, stated by the Examiner as drawn to a composition for treating multidrug resistant cancer cells.

Group III consisted of claims 46-51, stated by the Examiner as drawn to a method of inhibiting p-glycoprotein in a patient suffering from cancer.

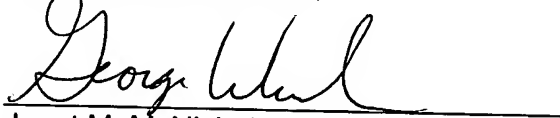
Group IV consisted of claims 52-55, stated by the Examiner as drawn to a method for identifying a compound for improved treatment of multidrug resistant cancers.

Group V consisted of claims 56-57, stated by the Examiner as drawn to a method for screening for an opioid inhibitor of an ABC drug transporter.

Applicant's election of Group II, claims 28-33, and the taxanes species are hereby made without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative if the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication would expedite the prosecution of this application.

Date: February 4, 2003

Respectfully submitted,



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